IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

| LAMONTA MCCOY, |) CASE NO. 5:04CV0810 |
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| PETITIONER, |) |
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| v. |) JUDGE PETER C. ECONOMUS |
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| GORDON LANE, WARDEN, |) |
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| RESPONDENT. |) MEMORANDUM OPINION |
| |) AND ORDER |

On May 3, 2004, Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging the constitutionality of his criminal conviction. This case was referred to Magistrate Judge James S. Gallas for preparation of a report and recommendation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 and LR 72.1 (Dkt. # 7). On June 29, 2006, Magistrate Judge Gallas filed a report recommending that Petitioner's application for habeas corpus be denied (Dkt. # 19). On July 14, 2006, Petitioner filed objections to this recommendation (Dkt. # 20).

The Court has reviewed the report and recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, *de novo*. The Court finds that the report and recommendation (Dkt. # 19) is well-supported and that Petitioner's objections are without merit. Therefore, Magistrate Judge Gallas' report and recommendation is hereby **ADOPTED** and Petitioner's objections are overruled.

Accordingly, Petitioner's Writ of Habeas Corpus is **DENIED**. Furthermore, the

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court certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that an appeal from this decision could not be taken in good faith, and that there is no basis upon which to issue a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. §2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Peter C. Economus - August 16, 2006
PETER C. ECONOMUS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE